

To: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From: Dan Storck, Supervisor  
Mount Vernon District

Subject: **BOARD MATTERS for September 26, 2017**

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For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

- 1. Saunders B Moon Senior Citizens Club- Request for Proclamation and presentation**
- 2. MWAA Working Group Subcommittee Recommendations**
- 3. Economic Development Support Fund Nomination for Mount Vernon**

## **1. Saunders B Moon Senior Citizens Club- Request for proclamation and presentation**

### ***Background***

This year marks the 52nd anniversary of the Saunders B. Moon Senior Citizens Club, formed in 1965 as a private non-profit organization, and as an organization fighting against poverty in Gum Springs, VA. The Club has led an active and impactful role in the development of the Gum Springs community, and has been awarded the Gum Springs Community Service Award multiple times for its dedication and service to the community.

### ***Proposed Action***

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Office of Public Affairs invite the Saunders B. Moon Senior Citizens Club and Mattie Palmore to come before the Board of Supervisors to be recognized with a proclamation commending and congratulating them on their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

## **2. Airplane noise from DCA South Flow – MWAA Working Group Recommendations**

### ***Background***

In October 2016, I presented a Board Matter requesting that the Board of Supervisors contact the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority to encourage them to implement a DCA Fly Quiet Program and to create a working group that would work on addressing the negative impacts of the newly established NextGen system at Reagan National Airport, and the increase of airplane noise in and over the Mount Vernon communities. In April 2016, I brought forth my second Board Matter requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chairman, on behalf of the Board to send a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority (MWAA) and our congressional delegation to express our concern about the adverse impact the NextGen system has had on our residents. I am pleased to report that the MWAA working group has come forth with recommendations to improve the departure procedures at Reagan National Airport, which have been presented for consideration to the Federal Aviation Administration. They are as follows:

To summarize:

- The FAA initiated what is called the “.41 process” for developing a new south flow departure procedure based on the recommendation to move the GPS waypoints to the center of the Potomac River.
- The FAA has already completed one technical forum in August and will have another one in September and October, after which they will present a new south flow departure procedure to the MWAA Working Group on October 27.
- The MWAA Working Group and the FAA will review and fine-tune the new procedure and the FAA will also complete some flight testing and assessments between November 2017 - March 2018.
- In April 2018, the new procedure will be finalized and the FAA will then proceed to conduct public and elected official outreach. Barring any unforeseen events, the new procedure is to be implemented November 2018.
- While the FAA is trying to address departing flights with this plan, they have not addressed the procedures for flight arrivals, which also contribute a significant amount of noise and disruption to residents with their very low altitudes and flight arrival paths.

### ***Proposed Action***

Therefore, I move the Board authorize staff to write a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors to MWAA and to the FAA in support of the MWAA working plan. The letter must also include a request that the FAA establish a specific schedule and deadline to begin addressing the equally important issue of airplane noise for arrival procedures, which is independent of the new departure plan.

### ***Attachment***



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### **3. Economic Development Support Fund Nomination for Mount Vernon**

#### ***Background***

The Mount Vernon District is home to a number of historic landmarks that can be better leveraged to create a tourism destination in Fairfax County. These are important locations that can serve to support and expand the hospitality and service industries that cater to tourism and hospitality.

Some of the heritage sites include: Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Woodlawn and the Pope-Leighey House, the future National Army Museum, Gunston Hall, and the Workhouse Arts Center. Currently, these sites market their sites independently. The EDSF investment would provide funding for the County to facilitate an area-wide historic tourism plan to create additional visits and create the Mount Vernon Cultural Corridor as a destination for residents and tourists in the National Capital region.

#### ***Proposed Action***

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors:

- Direct the County Executive to prepare an initial project evaluation for the use of the Economic Development Support Fund for the creation of the Mount Vernon Cultural Corridor.
- Direct the County Executive that no funds from the EDSF will be used until the Board has approved the funds.